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CHILE: Today is independence day, and the junta government plans to allow some quiet ceremonies to emphasize that the situation is returning to normal. [REDACTED] that sporadic attacks on security forces are continuing. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW MAJOR ASSAULTS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, AND [REDACTED] THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT FEELS IT HAS THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

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Santiago remains generally calm. The junta forces continue to close the ring around extremists who have taken refuge in lower class housing areas on the outskirts of the city. A military operation against snipers in the La Legua industrial belt was begun on Sunday. AIR SUPPORT WAS PRESENT, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT PLANES ACTUALLY BOMBED OR STRAFED THE AREA. [REDACTED] THAT THE MILITARY GAVE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEAVE THE HEAVILY POPULATED AREA BEFORE LAUNCHING A MAJOR ASSAULT.

Elsewhere in the country, the search for illegal arms caches is continuing but the military [REDACTED] is encountering little resistance even in Concepcion, a center of ultraleftist strength.

The new minister of interior asserts that at least 4,000 "suspects" are now being detained in Santiago alone. The government claims that a majority of the prisoners now being held are extremists who will be dealt with by military courts, but adds that their legal rights will be respected. Nevertheless, appearing on national television last night with other junta members, Air Force General Gustavo Leigh warned that operations aimed at "purging" extremists will continue with the utmost severity. He asked viewers to inform on the whereabouts of certain leftist politicians and newsmen still at large.

The government is weeding out the previous regime's political appointees for state enterprises and other government jobs. The positions are now being filled by some active and retired military [REDACTED]

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Officers as well as by independent civilians, presumably with some technical qualifications. Several Christian Democrats [REDACTED] have been brought into the government, including the minister of justice and three subsecretaries in other ministries.

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Christian Democratic leaders are faced with a dilemma, however, in their relations with the junta government. They hope to staff middle-level posts with their followers in an effort to moderate the government's policies, but they want to avoid being too closely identified with it. Party leaders [REDACTED] fear political reprisals not only from extreme rightists being brought into the government but also from leftist extremists for cooperating with the new regime.

Former President Eduardo Frei is considering exile until the direction of the new government becomes clearer and the security situation stabilizes. [REDACTED]

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